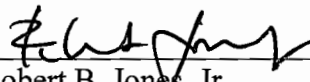


attend in person. *Id.* The Government in reply argues that the factors a court uses in assessing credibility can be readily observed via video technology. [DE-144].

This court has utilized VTC at numerous hearings over the past two years, and its experience has rarely been without complication. Connectivity is not infrequently interrupted causing a myriad of problems and at times even requiring a hearing to be rescheduled. It is the court's strong preference that hearings, and in particular evidentiary hearings, be conducted in person. Mr. Megaro, although a resident of Florida, chose to represent Petitioner in his criminal case in this district, and the court will require him to be physically present in the courtroom to testify at the evidentiary hearing. Notwithstanding, the court finds good cause to continue the evidentiary hearing to allow for Mr. Megaro to attend to his important familial duties. Counsel shall confer and file a notice within fourteen days with three mutually agreeable proposed dates for the hearing.

SO ORDERED, this the 11th day of May, 2022.


Robert B. Jones, Jr.
United States Magistrate Judge